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SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF RADIO STATION

1. NOVEDADES REPORTED ON 14 AUGUST THAT THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF RADIO AND TELEVISION HAD ORDERED RADIO "FABULOSO 7" CLOSED FOR A 60-DAY PERIOD AND HAD FINED AARON SANCHEZ BELLO, DIRECTOR OF NEWSPROGRAM "DIALOG" 5,000 CORDOBAS (APPROXIMATELY 715 DOLLARS). THE BASIS FOR THE CLOSURE WAS A BROADCAST ON 18 JULY IN WHICH THE NEWS PROGRAM REPORTED THAT TWO CADAVERS FOUND IN JINOTEPE THE PREVIOUS DAY WERE DRESSED IN NATIONAL GUARD UNIFORMS AND WERE PRESUMED TO BE MEMBERS OF THE GN. THE BODIES, IT WAS REPORTED, WERE IN A STATE OF DECOMPOSITION AND GAVE THE IMPRESSION OF HAVING SUFFERED SHRAPNEL WOUNDS, PRESUMABLY FROM A BOMB. ALTHOUGH THE REPORT NOTED THAT THE IDENTITIES OF THE BODIES HAD NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED, THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF RADIO AND TELEVISION, CNEL, ALBERTO LUNA FOUND THAT THE BROADCAST VIOLATED SEVERAL PROVISIONS OF THE RADIO AND TELEVISION CODE, INCLUDING ARTICLE 47 (WHICH PROHIBITS REPORTS PREJUDICED
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TO PUBLIC ORDER).

2. COMMENT: THIS CLOSURE, COMING AS IT DOES AS A SIMILAR CLOSING OF RADIO "MI PREFERIDA" NEARS ITS END (MANAGUA 2845) SERVES AS A WARNING TO RADIO STATIONS THAT THE GON WILL CONTINUE TO HARSHLY ENFORCE THE RADIO AND TELEVISION CODE. THE LARGE FINE (BY COMPARISON WITH

PREVIOUS ONES) AND LONG CLOSURE IS EXTREMELY HARSH IN
THAT RADIO "FABULOSO 7" HAS ONLY RUN AFOUL OF THE CODE
ONCE PREVIOUSLY. "DIALOG" WAS FINED
2000 CORDOBAS (APPROXIMATELY 280 DOLLARS) ON A
PREVIOUS OCCASION.
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